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Summary

[11.](#) (SBU) One of the key challenges facing Romania's new Health Minister Mircea Cinteza is a state-run health system plagued by corruption. Two Health Care System's Inherited Deficiencies

[12.](#) (U) Despite limited health reform efforts since 1989, the Romanian health care system remains plagued by a number of problems partly inherited from a Legacy of Inaction

[13.](#) (U) The former Social Democratic Party (PSD) government, though not the leadership of the Ministry of Health, acknowledged the existence of The Two Faces of Corruption

[14.](#) (C) Corruption in the Romanian healthcare system has two variants: high-level corruption perpetrated by those controlling the system and low Transparency Commission and High Level Corruption -----

[15.](#) (C) In order to come into compliance with an EU directive, the MOH established the Transparency Commission (now named the Committee for Public Integrity)

[16.](#) (C) Although removed from his position as Transparency Commission President, Voicu to this day retains his post as Chairman of the National Former Ministry of Health Officials Under Investigation -----

[17.](#) (U) Prosecutors of the National Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office (PNA) in March called in former Health Minister Ovidiu Branzan, cabinet Low Level Corruption: Show Me the Money

[18.](#) (SBU) There is an understanding between patients and their doctors and nurses, that those who do not pay personal gratuities to their doctors Poor Public Health Care Drives Patients to Private Clinics -----

[19.](#) (U) With official funds earmarked for public hospitals being misdirected or misspent, and unofficial funds to doctors sometimes not resulting in Comment

[20.](#) (C) The previous government was unwilling to tackle the healthcare corruption issue in any serious way. Although it was alleged that even

[21.](#) (U) Ambassadors' reporting telegrams are available on the Bucharest SIPRNet website: www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/bucharest

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